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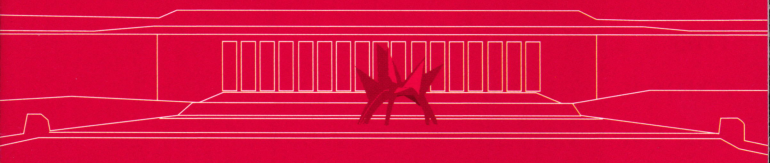


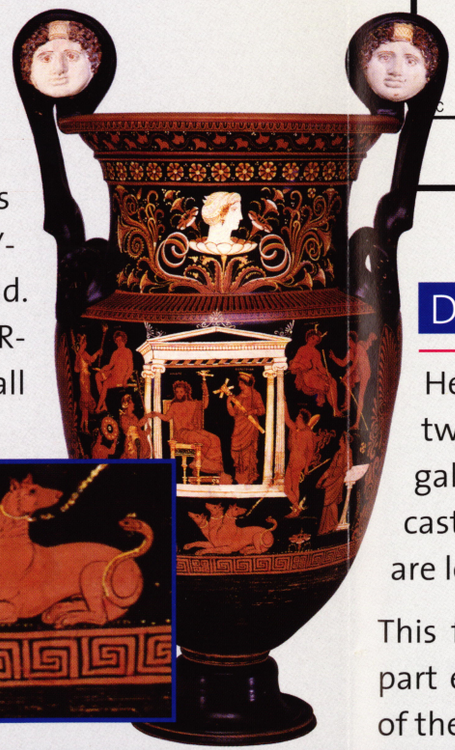
Did you know there are 180 imaginary creatures in this Museum? (There may be more, but they like to hide from us.) Dragons, griffins, unicorns, even monsters we don't have names for—we've got them all! This guide will help you find some of them.

My Guide

A The Classic Court

We'll point out a few mythical beasts in this gallery of ancient art, but you can find lots more if you look really carefully.

This Egyptian monster's name is Ammit (Aahm-MITT) and she's sometimes known as "Eater of Hearts"—yikes! She is part crocodile, part lion, and part hippo. Look for her on the long painted scroll.

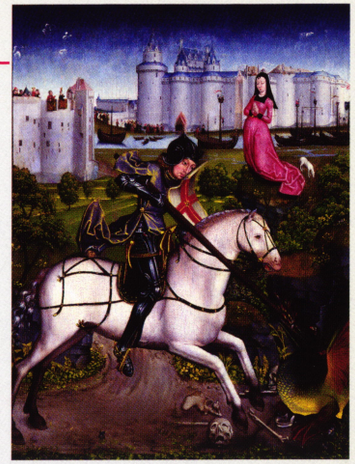


Can you find the three-headed dog on a really big Greek vase? He guards the gates to Hades (HAY-deez), the land of the dead. His name is Cerberus (KERR-burr-russ), but you can call him Fluffy if you want.

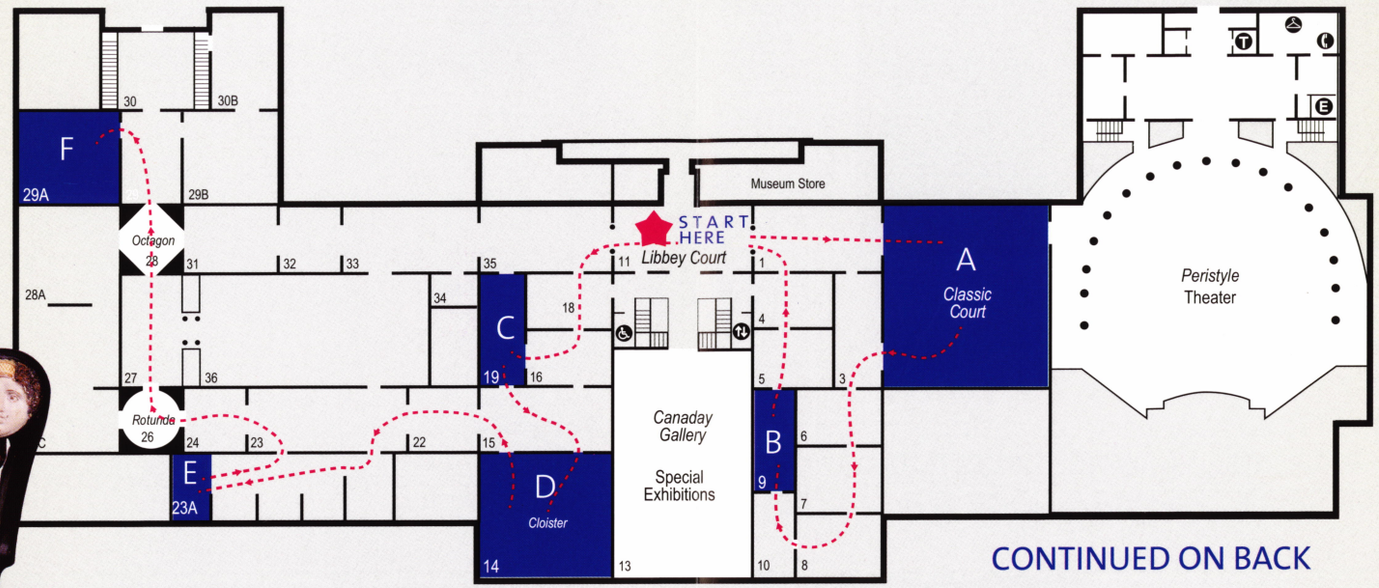
B Gallery 9

What is *this* creature?! The artist named the sculpture *Cat*—can you see why? If you gave it a name, what would *you* call it?

C Gallery 19



This brave knight is fighting a really mean dragon—it can even breathe fire! Who do you think is going to win the battle?



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D The Cloister Gallery

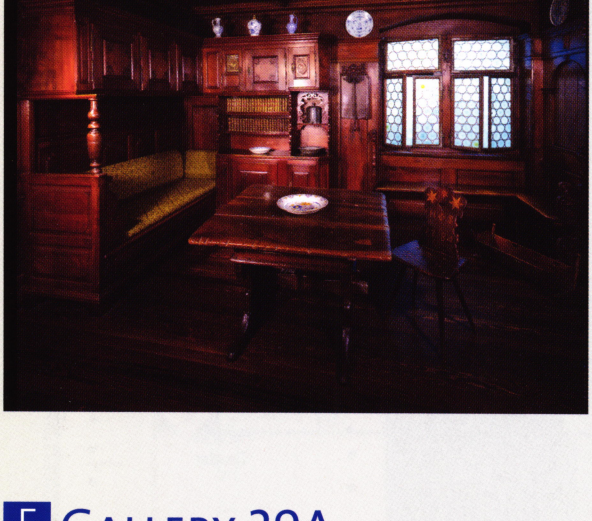
Here are hints to help you find two mythical creatures in this gallery of art from the age of castles and knights, but there are lots more!

This fierce griffin (part lion and part eagle) is in the very middle of the room.

This is a scary monster! He's swallowing up people who are being pushed into his mouth by demons! (Look up at the carved columns to find him).

E Gallery 23A, "The Swiss Room"

You can find a unicorn and a mermaid lurking in this room. (Be sure to look behind you when you enter. Look up too.)



F Gallery 29A

In China, dragons were thought to be wise and good (not like that fire-breathing dragon fighting the knight!). Look for the dragons curling around a pair of vases (go to your left when you enter the gallery). Explore this gallery of Asian art and see how many other dragons and mythical beasts you can find.

Now it's your turn to make some art!

Use this space to draw your favorite fantastic creature that you saw today, or make up your own!

Remember, LOOK AROUND WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE REST OF THE MUSEUM. FANTASTIC CREATURES ARE LURKING EVERYWHERE!

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